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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A sheet-processing machine,
comprising:

a conveyor for transporting processed sheets at a processing
speed and for releasing the sheets for braking to a depositing
speed;

a braking element for braking the released sheets to the
depositing speed, said braking element being an endless
suction belt perforated with suction openings and being
revolvable during operation, said suction belt having a
braking strand;

a drive for said braking element; and

a drive connection for connecting said drive to said braking
element, said drive connection having an overrunning clutch;
and

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a brake for retarding said braking element, said brake being configured as a suction box provided with a braking surface with suction openings formed therein, said braking strand sweeping over said braking surface.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): The machine according to claim 1, wherein said brake includes an actively acting brake assembly in addition to said braking surface for temporarily retarding said braking element.

Claim 4-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The machine according to claim 1, wherein said drive connection is severable.

Claim 8 (original): The sheet-processing machine according to claim 1 configured as a rotary printing press.

Claim 9 (cancelled).